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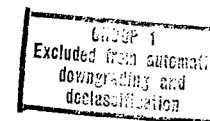
SUBJECT : Soviet document further substantiating
the existence of the nationality problem

1. The attached is a letter from the head of the Correspondence and Evening Education Section, Kiev State University, to the Assistant Chief of the Directorate of Institutions of Higher Learning, in which there are given reasons for the rector's refusal to reinstate M. T. SKORYK, a young journalist and former student of the school of journalism. The letter is in response to an inquiry from the Ministry of Education, dated 12 January 1967. No date is shown on the attached letter, but it was written sometime between January and September of 1967, and a copy was brought out to the West in September 1967 by an AECASSOWARY contact.

2. The reasons given for Kiev University's refusal to reinstate SKORYK are that (a) he was the instigator of the infamous memorandum from student members of the Party Committee in which a demand was made to have reinstated M. SHESTOPAL, a former assistant professor at the University, who was dismissed because of his involvement in "political demagoguery in connection with the nationalities question"; (b) SKORYK had fallen under the influence of the group of intellectuals "holding hostile views"; (c) SKORYK propagated his views in his poetry; (d) SKORYK's expulsion from the university, along with 3 others, was demanded by the faculty Party-Komsomol because in view of "their mistaken views on the nationality question, they are not worthy of working on our Soviet Party press"; (e) in his complaint to the offices of the rector and the dean, SKORYK claims the only reason for his expulsion was that he "was born in the Ukraine", and he continues to maintain his erroneous views.

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3. Information concerning SHESTOPAL's dismissal from the University in the early spring of 1965, because of his "nationalism", was contained in the long DZYUBA document (page 7). DZYUBA also referred to "young journalists, graduates of Kiev State University, who had signed a declaration protesting the groundless dismissal of the popular university lecturer, assistant professor, M. SHESTOPAL, and the dispersal (in the literal sense of the word) by the KGB of a group discussion concerning the state of Ukrainian culture organized by university students with the participation of several hundred young people."

4. This document will be included in a collection of such documents planned for future publication. However, it can be exploited via any available asset. I shall pursue it along with other documents but any ideas you may have will be welcome.

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TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE DIRECTORATE
OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, COMRADE
M.M. ORLOV

Re: No. 15-10/4 dated 12.I.1967.

A former student of the correspondence division of the faculty of journalism, M.T. SKORYK, wrote a petition to the Ministry about his supposedly unfounded expulsion from the university. For the record we wish to state the following: while a full-time student, M.T. Skoryk was one of the organizers of unwholesome demagogic activities among the student body, an organizer of the infamous "memorandum" written by students-members of the party committee who were demanding the reinstatement of docent Shestopal, who had also been charged with political demagoguery in connection with the nationalities question.

M.T. Skoryk was one of those students who had fallen under the influence of the group of intellectuals holding hostile views which was active in Kiev at that time. His appearance at students' meetings, conversations in the dormitory and so on, were often devoid of principles and ideas; they had nothing in common with party spirit, with the calling of a Soviet journalist. Skoryk also propagated his views in his poems and other activities.

Suspecting that he might be held responsible by the party for his dubious activities in his demagogic conversations and appearances, M.T. Skoryk transferred to the correspondence section and asked to be stricken from the party register, as a result of which his personal case

was not examined by the party organization of the faculty of journalism. However, even after this Skoryk continued to visit the dormitory from Boryspil and carry on his demagogic campaign.

On May 26, 1966 the faculty party-komsomol meeting, during a discussion about the materials of the Supreme Court, Procurator's Office and the Committee for State Security of the UkrSSR dealing with the harmful activities of the group of intellectuals holding nationalistic views, unanimously demanded the expulsion of students M.T.Skoryk, A.D.Parfeniuk, B.F.Mytsyk and S.K. Vasylchuk from the university because with their ideological convictions and their mistaken views on the nationality question, they are not worthy of working in our party-Soviet press. The rectorate upheld this demand made by the faculty body and expelled M.T.Skoryk as well as the above-mentioned students from the university.

In his complaint to the rectorate and the dean's office Skoryk still continues to slander the party organization and the directors of the university, to claim that the reason for his expulsion was that "he was born in Ukraine", and to maintain his erroneous views.

The dean's office and the party organization of the faculty of journalism do not consider it possible to pose the question of the reinstatement of M.T.Skoryk, who was rightfully expelled from the university, as a student.

A report of these events in the faculty of journalism and the means used to deal with them was sent by the rectorate and the party committee of the university to the CC CP Ukraine.
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